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[redacted] INFORMED US OVER WEEKEND [redacted] HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY UAR EMBASSY WITH NEW OFFER THAT IF JORDAN WOULD BUY TWO SQUADRONS (12 PLANES EACH) OF MIG 21S AT UAC PRICE, SOVIETS WILLING CONTRIBUTE ON GRANT BASIS THIRD

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SQUADRON OF MIG 17S [redacted] REJECTED OFFER ON GROUNDS THIS WOULD MEAN SOVIET TRAINERS WHICH JORDAN COULD NOT RISK.

2. SAID HE HAD ALSO TALKED WITH BRITISH ABOUT LIGHTNINGS AND NOW PREPARED RECOMMEND TO KING HUSSEIN THAT LIGHTNINGS BEST AVAILABLE PROPOSITION. APPARENTLY LANGUAGE FACTOR, KNOWLEDGE OF TECHNICAL TERMS WEIGHING INCREASINGLY IN FAVOR OF UK AIRCRAFT.

3. MEANWHILE UK TEAM HAS ARRIVED AND SPENT MORNING OCTOBER 30 WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL AMER KHAMMASH. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WHEN INFORMING ME OF INITIAL ROUND DISCUSSIONS MADE NO RPT NO REFERENCE TO ANY ARRANGEMENTS WITH USG AND ASKED NO QUESTIONS. SAID KHAMMASH HAD FLATLY REJECTED ANYTHING LESS THAN 36 PLANES FOR WHICH WITH SPARES ET AL

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TINUED NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITISH MIGHT LEAD FRENCH OFFER MORE REALISTIC TERMS OR, AS LAST RESORT, IF FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS COLLAPSED, LIGHTNING STILL PREFERABLE TO MIGS.

RE PARA 4 SECOND REFTEL, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING STANDARD UAC OFFER HAS BEEN FOR MIG 21S SUPPLIED THROUGH UAC AT COST OF 6.5 MILLION POUNDS STERLING FOR 20 AIR-

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CRAFT. LEBANESE WE BELIEVE WERE EARLIER TOLD BY UAC THEN COULD NOT EXCEED THIS UNIT COST FOR MIRAGES. KHAMMASH HAS NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSED HOPE HE MIGHT GET 6.5 MILLION POUNDS FOR SMALLER 12 PLANE SQUADRON OF MIRAGES BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE HE HAS EVER DISCUSSED THIS WITH UAC. THERE HAS NEVER TO OUR KNOWLEDGE BEEN SOVIET OFFER AT ANYTHING LIKE $80 MILLION FIGURE NOR ANY SPECIFIC DISCUSSION OF TERMS BETWEEN SOVIETS AND GOJ.

FOLLOWING LAST SUMMIT [redacted] NASSER HAD OFFERED MIG 21S AT BETWEEN JD 100,000 AND JD 200,000 PER PLANE AND SAID HE HAD CLEARED THIS NEW FIGURE IN MOSCOW. IT WAS NOT SPECIFIED WHAT THIS FIGURE INCLUDED RE SPARES, ETC., BUT APPARENTLY 36 MIG 21S ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT AROUND $20,000,000.

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